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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HAYDOCK, et al.

Application No.: 09/830,976

Filed: August 17, 2001

For: METHODS FOR PREVENTING
CROSS-CONTAMINATION IN SOLID
SUPPORT-BASED ASSAYS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 7225

Examiner: Cynthia B. Wilder

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1637

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2003 (the "Action"), please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.